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1. In 1945, many of the East German automobile factories were dismantled, with the exception of the BMW Plant at Eisenach and Fichtel & Sachs at Reichenbach. Only in 1948 did limited production begin again in rebuilt factories.

2. Plan and production figures for 1951 to 1952:

	Quota 1951	Production 1951	Quota 1952	Production 1952
Cars	12,100	11,864	16,370	7,835
Trucks	6,338	5,021	7,285	3,581
Tractors	5,900	4,836	7,267	3,721

3. The most important producers in East Germany in the fall of 1952 are:
 - a. IFA Factory, Horch, Zwickau, with a work force of 4,200. Produces three ton trucks, type H3A, with water-cooled four-cycle Diesel engines of 85 hp., about 150 per month; six and one-half ton trucks; five-ton heavy trailer towers; Diesel engines.
 - b. IFA Factory Audi, Zwickau, with a work force of 2,000. Produces DKW F 9 cars, three cylinder, 28 hp., about 600 per month.
 - c. IFA Motorenwerk, (Mechanical), Chemnitz, with a work force of 2,200. Produces motors and chassis.

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- d. IFA Motorradwerk DKW Zschopau, with a work force of 2,600. Produces motorcycles type RT 125; motors.
 - e. IFA Factory Phänomen, Zittau, with a work force of 1,800. Produces two-ton fast trucks, type Granit 32, with an air-cooled four-cylinder Diesel engine, 52 hp.; about 250 monthly.
 - f. IFA Framo Factory, Hainichen, with a work force of 1,800. Produces 3/4-ton Framo trucks, type V 501 with gasoline engines, about 125 monthly.
 - g. IFA Schlepperwerk, Brandenburg, with a work force of 1,460. Produces Aktivist tractors with a two-cylinder V Diesel motor, 28 hp.; same with a generator gas motor, 25 hp.
 - h. IFA Schlepperwerk, Schönebeck, with a work force of 1,500. Produces Aktivist tractors as above; also "Pionier" tractors with a four-cylinder Diesel motor, 40 hp.
 - i. IFA Schlepperwerk, Nordhausen, with a work force of 1,400. Produces "Pionier" tractors as above.
 - j. IFA Karosseriewerk, Meerane, with a work force of 1,200. Produces cars and bodies.
 - k. Avtovelo Car Factory, Eisenach (formerly BMW), with a work force of 4,000. Produces cars of type BMW 340, 55 hp. (a development of the 45 hp. BMW-321), about 600 per month; cars of type BMW 327, 80 hp. sports car and 130 hp. racing cars to special order; motorcycles type BMW R 35, of 350 ccm, about 400 monthly.
 - l. Fichtel & Sachs, Reichenbach, with a work force of 2,000. Produces light motorcycles of the Fichtel & Sachs type, 98 ccm.
 - m. Simson Werk of Suhl, unknown work force, produces motorcycles.
3. The auto industry suffers from a constant shortage of materials, and for this reason is continually working below capacity. The same shortage accounts for the poor quality of much of the production. Magnets, spark-plugs, injection pumps for Diesel motors are particularly scarce. The quality is average. There is a particular shortage of lead plates for batteries; the supply usually being about 50 percent of the requirements.

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